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Major General David P. Rataczak
The Adjutant General
State of Arizona
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Dear General Rataczak:

I want to take this opportunity to make you aware of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, which is currently being built in New York's Hudson Valley.

Located just over ten miles from the United States Military Academy at West Point, the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor pays tribute to those who were killed or injured defending this great nation. I respectfully request that you make the Hall of Honor known to your returning soldiers and airmen, who have earned the Purple Heart, so that they may record their names and stories in the Hall's database.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is scheduled to open on November 11, 2006 and it would be wonderful to have those citizen soldiers and airmen, who have sacrificed so much, included in this very worthwhile project. Any servicemember who has earned a Purple Heart shall be afforded a place in the Hall. They simply need to send a copy of their DD 214 to the address below:

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor
PO Box 207
Vails Gate, NY 12584

Thank you for your time and attention to this issue and for your service to your state and nation. Please feel free to contact my Albany, New York office should you have any questions on the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.

Sincerely,

William J. Larkin, Jr.
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New York State Senate

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